

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1378

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Kathryn Myers Jenkins.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Kathryn Myers Jenkins, an exemplary individual and educator who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on March 15, 1936, in Johnson City, Mrs. Jenkins was the daughter of John G. Myers and Willie Ruth Smith Myers; she spent much of her early childhood in Harlan, Kentucky, where she attended elementary school, and she graduated from Rogersville High School in Rogersville, Tennessee, in 1954; and

WHEREAS, a 1958 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority; while a student at UT Knoxville, she began dating her future husband, William Lewis "Bill" Jenkins, and the two were joined in marriage on June 12, 1959, at Rogersville Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins taught Spanish and English in Knox County and Hawkins County, as well as in Georgia; prior to her retirement, she taught Spanish at Cherokee High School; and

WHEREAS, a devout woman of Christian faith, Mrs. Jenkins was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, known to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as "Grandmama," she could always be counted on for an encouraging word, a hug, chocolate chip cookies, pound cake, banana bread, and various other treats; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Bill Jenkins, she is survived by four children, Kathryn Rebecca Jenkins, Georgeanne (Jack) Price, William Lewis (Amanda) Jenkins, Jr., and

Douglas Templeton (Pamela) Jenkins, and eleven grandchildren, Caleb (Elizabeth) Price, Julianne (Keegan) Pearson, Margo (Taylor Levine) Jenkins, Andrew (Sierra) Price, William Lewis (Kelly) Jenkins III, John Jenkins, Will Jenkins, Kyle Price, Laura Grace Jenkins, Porter Jenkins, and Jim Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by six great-grandchildren, Thomas Price, Isaac Price, Sarah Price, Rhett Price, Adeline Price, and Catherine Pearson; two brothers, John G. (Vikki) Myers, Jr., and James Ewel (Ann) Myers; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary Kathryn Myers Jenkins, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Jenkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.